

AGENDA



Thursday, October 23, 2008

Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 11**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, L.L.P., as legal counsel to the Urban Renewal Agency of Austin (URA) related to the E. 11th and E. 12th Streets Revitalization Project in the amount of \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Special Revenue Grant Fund.

Fiscal Note: There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Gregory Miller, Assistant City Attorney, 974-6032.

The City of Austin supports the administrative functions of the Urban Renewal Agency of Austin (URA) in connection with the redevelopment of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area. Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal (Denton-Navarro) has represented the URA since 2002 in matters related to the URA's role in the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Revitalization Project (Revitalization Project) and the related development agreement. As outside counsel for the URA, Denton-Navarro has provided advice and counsel to the URA in organizational matters and with contractual issues such as the negotiation of the Restated Acquisition, Development and Loan Agreement (Tri-Party Agreement). The outside counsel contract has been amended four times for a total contract amount of \$25,000. The Law Department anticipates that the URA will continue to require the services of outside counsel for matters relating to ongoing Revitalization Project developments. Council is now requested to authorize an additional \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000. This amendment is necessary to cover estimated legal fees through September 30, 2009.